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Latest Angus Reid Poll confirms Canada-wide support for outright ban on
handguns in Canada

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY URGES JUSTICE MINISTER ALLAN ROCK TO
FOLLOW THROUGH IN IMPLEMENTING STRONGER GUN CONTROL**

MONTREAL / May 2, 1994 — An Angus Reid/Southam News poll released today again confirms that a majority of Canadians support banning handguns. The results of a telephone poll of a cross-section of 1,506 Canadian adults held between April 22 and 27 show that the number of strong supporters of a ban rose seven per cent since the question was last put to the public in the fall of 1993.

Reacting to the results, Concordia University Rector Patrick Kenniff again urged Justice Minister Allan Rock to consider a ban on handguns. This was a measure demanded in a petition circulated by the University and presented to the House of Commons by members of the governing Liberals and opposition Bloc Québécois on March 24, 1994.

The petition had 200,000 signatures and was endorsed by the Canada Safety Council, the Canadian Bar Association and more than 200 other institutions across the country, including health care, legal, law enforcement, religious, educational, union, social and cultural organisations.

Dr. Kenniff met with Justice Minister Allan Rock at the end of April to impress upon him the necessity of responding positively to Concordia's widely-supported initiative and the will of Canadians.